

County Hospital Benefits

From Foundation Award

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SALT LAKE—Wasatch County Hospital will benefit along with other hospitals in the Southern Region under the direction of IHC Hospitals, Inc. from a grant by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation.

The \$150,000 award is part of the first phase of the foundation's grant. It will be used for the development of a long-term health care program for the elderly. The announcement came from Eugene C. Beck, Vice President of IHC Hospitals Southern Region. Beck also announced that the IHC will be eligible for up to a total of \$650,000 from the foundation for implementing the program.

IHC Hospitals, Inc., a subsidiary of Intermountain Health Care, Inc. (IHC) is comprised of 23 hospitals located in Utah, Idaho and Wyoming. IHC Foundation, Inc., another subsidiary of IHC, will administer the grant.

The grant is part of a \$16.25 million national program co-sponsored by the American Hospital Association and the National Governors' Association which presented grants to 25 hospitals or hospital systems throughout the nation for use in designing long-term care programs.

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation president, Dr. David Rogers, says, "Nursing homes have been the traditional havens for the chronically ill elderly, but they are not necessarily the best solution for all of these people. Given appropriate alternatives, many could avoid the disruption caused by institutionalization, remain relatively independent and maintain a comfortable standard of living outside a nursing home."

"We will use the grant," says Beck, "to enhance the long-term care gerontology services offered at our eight Utah southern region hospitals and their surrounding communities." These are: Garfield Memorial Hospital, Panguitch; Dixie Medical Center, St. George; Fillmore Hospital, Fillmore; Sanpete Valley Hospital, Mt. Pleasant; Sevier Valley Hospital, Richfield, Valley View

Medical Center, Cedar Rapids; Wasatch County Hospital, Park City; and West Millard Hospital, Delta.

Census data shows that in over 12 percent of Utah's southern region population was older than age 65, comprising over 1 million individuals. Beck estimates the number has jumped to over 15 percent of Utah's southern region population. Because a recent Chase Econometrics study identified Utah as the most attractive state for retirement, and because a substantial number of retirees have located in the St. George area already, Beck believes the number will increase rapidly.

Each of the 25 grant recipients will enroll at least 250 elderly persons with chronic disorders. Hospitals will coordinate services with individuals' physicians to tailor the range of services to each person's needs. Among the services to be provided are: long-term care hospital services, intensive health services, homemaking, chore services, day care, nursing home placement and training, and support for families and caregivers.

Hospitals will also provide support services including around-the-clock emergency services, patient assessment, placement monitoring and follow-up.

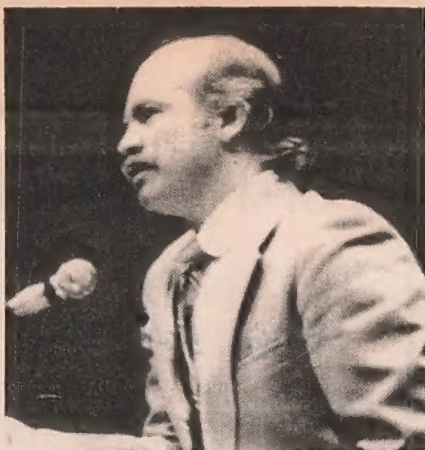
Beck explains that in four years IHC southern region hopes to have organized and developed financing alternatives that will ensure these services to continue.

an Attorney General

Tesch said partisan politics is the reason the attorney general's office has been losing staff. Pay is low in virtually every state, he said, but other states hold their attorneys.

"What we really need are bright young people who are rigorous and want to give good public service."

A native of Wisconsin, Joe Tesch made Utah his home in 1976. He had a private practice in Salt Lake City until he became Wasatch County attorney in 1982.



Joe Tesch

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Kem Gardner, one of the Democratic candidates for Governor of Utah, met Saturday with Democratic leaders and elected officials of Wasatch County at an open house held at the home of Joyce and Pete Coleman. Gardner said, "A complete answer as to why I would be governor lies in my

vision of the kind of life we must pass on to our children, for it is with our children that our vision of the future must begin." Gardner believes that Utah is at a crossroads and that the state's next governor must be a capable, progressive leader who can "build upon the tradition of excellent leadership provided by our past two Democratic governors." Kem Gardner knows Utah issues first

hand. He offers the unique blend of leadership skills and experience Utah needs. He believes that a resurgence of the Democratic party is vital to the state's political well-being.

Gardner is a successful, self-made businessman who serves as chairman of the State Board of Regents, Chairman of the Salt Lake Airport authority, Chairman of the Public and Higher Education Liaison Committee, and is a member of the Utah Education Reform Steering Committee. He has been the major factor in encouraging national corporations such as American Express and Western Airlines to locate major operations in Utah and has been responsible for 100 million dollars of construction in the last six years.

Kem Gardner believes that Utahns need more than a manager. They need the kind of leadership that understands the major issues and can work for creative solutions. He feels that education, tax reform, and economic expansion are three of these major issues.

Gardner fits the tradition of a fresh face stepping from the private sector to seek the office of governor. He has the backing of many long-time Democrats as well as an impressive cross section of the business, education and cultural communities.